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Amendments to the Specification:

On page 1, line 1 please insert the following paragraph:

--TITLE OF THE INVENTION--

On page 1 please replace the paragraph entitled "CROSS  
REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS" with the following rewritten  
paragraph:

--Applicant claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 of German  
Application No. 199 18 933.1 filed April 26, 1999. Applicant  
also claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §120 §365 of PCT/DE00/01103  
filed April 7, 2000. The international application under PCT  
article 21(2) was not published in English.--

On page 1, line 2, please insert the following rewritten  
paragraph:

Description BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--

On page 1, line 3, after the paragraph entitled "BACKGROUND  
OF THE INVENTION" please insert the following paragraph:

--Field of the Invention--

On page 1, line 11, please insert the following paragraph:

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--Prior Art--

On page 3, line 4, please insert the following paragraph:

--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--

On page 3, line 14, please insert the following rewritten paragraph:

--Said problem is solved according to ~~the characterizing part of~~  
~~claim 1~~ an embodiment of the invention in that

- the coding and marking system is completely embedded in the object, notably in a manner such that that neither the outer shape nor the function are impaired; and that, furthermore, the scanner unit is moved past the stationary object, or alternatively the object is moved past the stationary scanner unit.

With respect to the embedding of the coding and marking system in the object, particularly the following two variations (A, B) are advantageous:--

On page 7, line 7, please insert the following paragraph:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--